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HOUSE BILL NO. 1315

Introduced by: Representatives Fiegen, Brooks, Brown (Richard), Clark, Crisp, Cutler, Davis, Derby, Diedrich (Larry), Fryslie, Hagen, Heineman, Juhnke, Lockner, McCoy, McNenny, Pummel, Sutton (Duane), Wetz, and Wilson and Senators Daugaard, Hainje, and Hutmacher

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create a Board of Regents Advisory Council.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. The Governor shall appoint a Board of Regents Advisory Council on the South
4 Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the South Dakota School for the Deaf.
5 The Governor shall select members after soliciting recommendations from the Board of Regents
6 and representative organizations that represent individuals with sensory disabilities or their
7 families. The Governor shall consider, to the greatest extent practicable, geographical
8 distribution on the council. The council shall be composed of twelve members including:

9 (1) One representative of the Board of Regents;

10 (2) One parent of a current student at the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually
11 Impaired and one parent of a current student at the South Dakota School for the
12 Deaf;

13 (3) One public school administrator;

14 (4) One special education administrator or university instructor with knowledge of
15 sensory disabilities;

1 (5) Two blind or visually impaired individuals and two deaf or hard of hearing individuals
2 who are knowledgeable of the skills necessary for students with a disability to succeed
3 in adult life; and

4 (6) Three at large members.

5 Each member of the council shall serve for a term of three years with no more than four
6 expiring each year. No member of the council may serve more than two consecutive terms. The
7 superintendent of the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the
8 superintendent for the South Dakota School for the Deaf shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting
9 members of the council.

10 Section 2. The Board of Regents Advisory Council shall meet at least three times annually
11 at a place and time designated by the Board of Regents. The council shall review, analyze, and
12 advise the Board of Regents regarding the performance of the South Dakota School for the Blind
13 and Visually Impaired and the South Dakota School for the Deaf relating to:

- 14 (1) Eligibility for participation in educational services;
15 (2) The extent, scope, and effectiveness of services; and
16 (3) Functions performed by the special schools that affect the abilities of students with
17 sensory disabilities to achieve meaningful employment and independent living status.

18 The council shall annually review student, parent, teacher, and school district satisfaction
19 with the services provided by the special schools. The council shall prepare and submit an annual
20 report to the Board of Regents and the Governor on the status of the special schools. Under the
21 direction and control of the executive director of the Board of Regents, the special schools will
22 provide the council sufficient resources, including staff, necessary to carry out the functions
23 specified in this Act.